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In re application of :  
William COOKSON et al. : Docket No. 2000-1719  
Serial No. 09/647,330 : Group Art Unit 1655  
Filed February 23, 2001 : Examiner J. Souaya  
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ATOPY TO A LOCUS ON CHROMOSOME 13 :

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Notice dated May 2, 2001, please amend the above-identified  
application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

Please enter the paper copy of the Sequence Listing enclosed herewith.

**REMARKS**

The foregoing amendments are presented to place the application in compliance with the  
sequence rules under 37 CFR 1.821-1.825.

Applicants have submitted a Sequence Listing in both paper and computer readable form  
as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.821(c) and (e). Amendments directing its entry into the specification

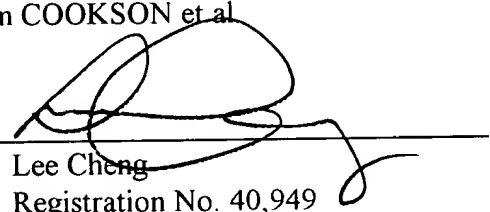
have also been incorporated herein. The content of the paper and computer readable copies are the same and no new matter has been added.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that each requirement set forth in the Notice has been satisfied, and that the application is now in compliance with the sequence rules under 37 CFR 1.821-1.825. Accordingly, favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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